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America holds her breath

NEW YORK

THE BAROMETER IS SET AT 'SCARE'

by C. V. R. THOMPSON

I TOOK a cab the other day to see someone off in the Queen Mary. "Queen Mary? O.K., doc," said the driver, cheerfully, and then he added: "Guess this is her last trip, eh, doc?"

"Last trip!" I exclaimed. "Yeah, doc," he replied. "Next trip they say she's going out full of American boys again."

From the way many Americans have been talking since the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia this fanciful story could very well be true.

Certainly America, not yet accustomed to the rigours of being a world boss, has the worst attack of warphobia yet. Nor can you quite blame the American people for being scared of another war.

Not if you listen to the radio and hear Walter Winchell with an audience of 25,000,000 say this: "Top American military men are grimly saying that we have got to do one of two things: either take Mr Stalin to Hiroshima, or take Hiroshima to Mr Stalin."

Nor if you read a national news weekly like Time, which says: "A fifth of the world's people are involved in war. No place from the Congo to Spitzbergen is safe. Nobody is secure."

Not if you subscribe to a responsible newspaper like the New York Herald-Tribune, and find its experts advising Washington to adopt the slogan: "Thus far and no further."

WHO DO the Americans think is going to start the war everyone is talking about?

I CANNOT find out. Not the Russians, presumably, for everyone—including the Russians—agrees that the Russians are not ready for war.

From past experience, I cannot see Congress sanctioning a war against Russia for Greece, Turkey, Italy, or even Britain. Especially when they will not sanction troops for Palestine and in an election year at that.

What Washington is—really frightened of, as best I can discover, is that a war might break out almost accidentally while the Russians and Americans are making faces at each other.

That should be remembered in digesting all the news from America—whether it concerns a new American airfield in the Mediterranean area or the arrest of a Communist in the two and sixpennies—at—the opera house.

WOULD YOU say that the majority opinion is that Britain is bust?

IN Washington there is a belief that there will always be an England. I telephoned a dozen leading lights in Congress to find out the majority opinion. Typical one from Senator Arthur Vandenberg:—

"I don't think England is going bust, and I don't think this country would let her go bust; we know she will recover—we don't feed dead horses."

That is not necessarily the American attitude. In New York, for example, the Zionists would have America believe that we are carbon copies of Hitler. In parts of Wall Street there are big business men who would almost like to see Britain go bust to prove to Americans that Socialism does not pay.

NANCY The Evidence



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presents a profile of America since the 'special message' of Pres. Truman

WASHINGTON

GENERALS BEGIN TURNING ON THE HEAT . . .

by R. M. MacCOLL

STANDING in the shadows behind the President are the generals. They have long been absolutely convinced that conscription must be reintroduced.

In the first dreamy months after Nagasaki everyone talked about "the push-button war." Those days are long gone. Now the emphasis is on manpower once more.

In mid March came the turning point. Defence Secretary James Forrestal went to a top secret conference in Florida with Secretary of Air Stuart Symington, Secretary of Army Kenneth Royall, Secretary of Navy John Sullivan, and the chiefs

think that if the Communists win—they give them fifty-fifty chance—there may be war within one year, on the balance of power will be hopelessly dislocated.

If the Communists are held on April 18 there might be a chance of a deal with Russia.

Both the generals and the State Department are very worried, too, that Russia may suddenly suggest that all Powers withdraw their troops from Austria.

With Czechoslovakia now Communist-controlled, that would mean Austria "in the bag," despite the absence of Russian troops.

Finally, "Attlee's Red purge," front-paged in the American press, is the crowning excitement in a day of almost painful tension and rumour.

TAILPIECE

The man who did the writing of Truman's latest speech (he has hosted for Truman for the last two years) is handsome, film-starish—41-year-old Clark Clifford, chief presidential adviser.

When Truman's naval aide went to Potsdam with his chief, Clifford, a former lawyer and then a junior naval officer, was asked "to keep the seat warm in the White House." On Truman's return to Washington he took an instant liking to Clifford and made him his new naval aide.

Then he became confidential adviser, and sky-rocketed to fame when he told Truman "Be firm" with ferocious John Lewis. Truman did so, and Lewis qualified. From then on Clifford was tops.

A cynic has said: "Clifford is the sort of man all wives wish their husbands would be. Truman is the sort of man who reminds all wives all too vividly of their own husbands."

This applies equally to the statements of Henry Wallace. He is running for President as an independent dedicated to a foreign policy exactly opposite to President Truman's and especially in so far as Russia is concerned.

Americans certainly will not elect Wallace and probably will not elect Truman this November. The man they will elect is among these and I give their form from a purely British point of view in brackets:

Senator Robert Taft (only fair because he thinks we can still go back to 1938);

Governor Tom Dewey (good according to Gallup Poll indications); Harold Stassen (first-class in exercise centers);

General Douglas MacArthur (his

"owners" are the Britain-baiting Chicago Tribune and Hearst newsmen);

Senator Arthur Vandenberg (the best chance yet).

BUT amid all the distresses of the coming election one factor still dominates everything: Foreign affairs and the whispers of war.

Is it that the American people are still ill-informed or, if you like, get their information from hysterical sources?

I say you can't really blame Winchell, Time magazine, or the New York Herald-Tribune. All they are doing is to pass on to the public what Washington is passing on to them.

PHIGENIA having been knocked off her feet again, Mr. Colin Velvette began to think that perhaps classical ballet did not really suit the style of the Persians. But before he could tell them this, they stood before him in a row, scowling furiously.

"We finish this," announced Kazbulah. "Too many women and men bawling us, ho yes, we go." "I shall sue you for breach of contract, definitely," said Velvette.

"Bookinham Palace, if you please, yes," said Rizamughan with dignity.

Strained relations

"YOU will be tried," continued Velvette. "We have tried," said Ashura. "But too much dan-

cing about getting upon hour nerf, ho yes." "I turn my head," said Rizamughan, "to see the boisterous shootin' the hoister, but I honly see big crowd of Geeks or Roomees posing each other over the stage, and Hooliganah almost kicking Kazbulah on the nose." "And one gentleman says to us," said Rizamughan, "Hi say, you, how the gudness to take you bawled plonk hout of my way. So I kick his onkle." "It's all very unfortunate," said Velvette.

"You don't seem to fit in, actually," "Ho-ha," cried Ashura. "You try to come into our nice books by tellin' us masure. This time won't work, ho yes. You try to huk favours with us."

Getting there

SMILING her way to prosperity, a woman M.P. said the other day, "This is over-the-stile-with-a-smile plan is splendid. We must tell the world—and each other—what we are doing."

It is word like this that make everything we are doing seem so perfectly glorious, especially if we tell everyone what we think we ought to tell each other about it all, I mean. We must also get the world to tell us what we are doing, and then we can tell each other what the world says we are doing.

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TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP

BY DR. GEORGE GRETTON

THE recent visit of Princess Elizabeth to a court in London drew attention to an important aspect of Britain's educational system. The treatment given to young delinquents in Britain is based on the value of every child as a potential member of the community. On this basis, Britain has built up a complex and flexible nation-wide system to provide special education treatment for all those who need it.

The morally handicapped child, who is psychologically maladjusted, is dealt with at child guidance centres, where psychological maladjusted children are committed, come to the juvenile courts where suitable treatment is decided on, and carried out at guidance clinics, approved schools or elsewhere. But there are also physically and mentally handicapped children. They may be defective in sight or hearing, malformed or crippled, suffering from some organic disease such as diabetes or epilepsy, or they may be below a mental standard suitable for normal teaching methods.

SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN

Incidentally, we no longer speak of "mentally deficient" children since the big volume of work on this subject done over the past 30 or 40 years has shown that only a very small percentage of sub-normal children are incapable of being trained to normality—or at least to a point where they can earn their living and take their place in the community as responsible and self-reliant members. And the same applies to the vast majority of physically handicapped children.

The numbers concerned are relatively small. It is estimated that they vary from about 0.2 per 1,000 in the case of blind and epileptic children up to from 5 to 8 per 1,000 physically handicapped and as many as 10 percent who are educationally sub-normal—that is, who need special teaching methods of one kind or

SERIOUS DEFECTS

In the case of serious defects such as blindness or physical deformity, there is no difficulty about diagnosis, but many other cases are difficult to detect. What is regarded as ordinary dullness or even bad conduct may in fact be the result of some slight physical, mental or psychological defect such as partial deafness or muscular maladjustment affecting speech. It is, therefore, the duty of the teacher, in co-operation with the school's medical officer, to have every suspected case examined at the earliest possible age—frequently it is possible to remedy the defect completely if an operation or other treatment can be performed at an early age—and modern advances in orthopaedic surgery have enormously reduced the incidence of crippling defects. The education authority is also obliged to have any child examined (above the age of two years) on request from a parent.

If, on examination and diagnosis, it is decided that the case requires not merely medical treatment but special educational treatment this is provided in various ways. In the case of blind and deaf children, special schools are provided, and since the numbers involved are far too small to make a local school in any one area practicable, these children are normally accommodated in boarding schools, where they are taught by methods which circumvent their handicap.



Women
BEAUTY ARTS
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

THE EGG AND YOU!

An egg shampoo does wonders in improving the condition of dry hair. Add one egg to a cupful of soapless shampoo and rub the mixture into the scalp. Wrap the hair in hot towels. Leave on for about an hour, then remove towels and massage the scalp. Wrap your head in hot towels again and leave on for five minutes. Remove towels and massage the scalp again.

Now, wet the hair with lukewarm water and use half of your shampoo solution working it into the scalp. Use cool or lukewarm water for thorough rinsing; otherwise the egg might curdle. After rinsing, repeat the whole process, using the other half of the egg shampoo solution. Finish with a lukewarm rinse and gentle drying with warm towels.

Massage a tiny bit of colourless special ointment into the scalp. Brush, comb and "set" the hair, using a rattail comb for curls and waves.

This home treatment is a real brightener; upper for faded, overbleached or streaky hair. Remember, however, that this process will not work unless you use a liquid soapless shampoo because a soapless

shampoo will rinse out in lukewarm water, which is required.

If you have been having your hair bleached or dyed, think well before you decide to discontinue this.

The growing-out stage is very hard to take, but you can wear a wrapped turban until the natural colour has returned.

And don't forget your daily brushing and the application of a little oiling every now and then.

Youthful Dance Dress

Picture frock of white organdie.

DEPICTED TODAY is a delightful dance dress designed for a young girl, a charming choice for that most important of events, her first real dance. It is a picture dress of white organdie with interesting detail. It has cut-out and appliqued flower motifs outlining the round neckline, forming two bands on the skirt. The bottom flange of the skirt is double-puffed. The soft sash is lined in pale blue and ties in back in a bow.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Wake him up, it's time to start—he can finish his nap in the movies!"

This Space Every Day

Taiwan Production Up Under Wei Tao-ming; Inflation Said Curbed

By FRED HAMPSON

Taipei, Mar. 27.—Governor Wei Tao-ming's answer to unrest in Taiwan has been acceleration of the island's economy. Since the former Chinese Ambassador to the United States took over on Taiwan from ex-Warlord Chen Yi almost a year ago, industry, agriculture and trade have increased. In some cases, the increase has been sensational.

Wei, in an interview with The Associated Press, dodged discussion of the uprisings of last winter which ended in the "blood bath." But impressions gained from other sources indicated that Chen Yi attempted a quick exploitation job of the island. This, coupled with the postwar dislocation of industry, provoked riots which finally were put down by force at a death toll estimated in some quarters at 5,000.

The Taiwanese haven't forgotten the "blood bath," which hasn't made Wei's job any easier. But Wei proceeded on the proposition that if he could break the reconstruction and rehabilitation log-jam, he would be getting at the core of the trouble.

Appears Succeeding

It appears to be succeeding. Rice production has reached a million tons a year, a boost of 200,000 tons over last year. If the provincial government can get sufficient fertilizer on the world market this could

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There are also special boarding schools for educationally subnormal children, who form a much larger class, but the modern tendency is to accommodate all but the most retarded cases either in special local day schools or in special classes in ordinary schools. It is the essence of the modern attitude that a very big proportion of backward children can be brought to normal standards by special educational treatment.

In country areas, of course, the boarding school is the main instrument since there will not be a big enough population in any one locality to justify a special day school.

The results achieved have been remarkable. By the use of special teaching methods, educational psychology, speech therapy and so on, it has been found possible to reach completely normal educational results with children who a few generations ago would have been classified as mentally deficient and left to their own unhappy devices. Today in Britain, it is true to say that education is universal, in the sense that no child whatever his handicap is left out of the national system of training for citizenship.

PHOTO UPSET HIS DIVORCE

When Stanley Balicki of Chicago saw a newspaper picture of his wife during the hearing of his case for divorce, he realized he was making a terrible mistake.

He went to the court on the final day of the hearing and said: "I saw Evelyn's picture in the paper, your Honour."

"She's really a gorgeous chick and I realize I love her deeply."

Happily reunited by Balicki's new declaration of love, the pair walked out arm in arm, their marriage as firmly cemented as ever.

Social Welfare Vigilance

The Singapore Social Welfare Department has cracked down on the immigration of young Chinese girls, says Associated Press.

Half a dozen investigators will be hired to check each case. They will pay surprise visits on young Chinese women and girls suspected of entering the country illegally.

Adoption cases will be particularly studied. The objects is to stop child slavery and ill-treatment.—Associated Press.

CHESS PROBLEMBy J. B. SANTIAGO
(BCCF Tourney 54)
Black, 10 pieces.

White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Kt—B5. 1... Kt x Kt; 2.

P—B4; 1... Kt—K4; 2. P—K4;

1. Kt x P; 2. Q x Kt

(ch); 1. Kt—Kt; others; 2. Q

R3 (x Kt).

It easily be doubled. But that is out of the question. They lack, first, the foreign exchange and, second, a sufficient allotment. Fertilizer is scarce and Taiwan can get only its share.

However, Wei is reasonably sure that he can have rice production at 1,600,000 tons annually by 1950.

Sugar production is at 300,000 tons annually. Typhoon damage cut it 50,000 last year. Wei thinks he can boost it to 450,000 tons this year and hopes for 500,000.

Prewar sugar production topped a million tons. But the world sugar market is such that it may be wise to try to peg the production at half a million tons for the present and put greater emphasis on rice. A cane field produces one crop every 14 to 18 months. In the same period a rice farmer gets three crops and the need for rice is greater to China.

Coal Production

Coal production is now 140,000 tons a month or 1,680,000 tons annually, which just about equals prewar average production. Of this 30,000 goes to the Island's railroads, 70,000 to the Island's factories, leaving 40,000 tons a month for exportation to China—mainly Shanghai.

By the end of this year, Wei is almost sure coal production will reach 2,000,000 tons annually.

It has been desperately hard to get coal production up. Mine machinery is extremely difficult to obtain and there has been constant pressure to divert more coal to the mainland than would be economically sound. Demand are still big problems ahead. Demand from the mainland increases faster than production. At the same time more Island factories are getting into production and the Island's needs go up.

Railway Needs

Fortunately the Island's railway coal needs have stayed put at 30,000 tons a year.

Criticism has been levelled at the provincial government for letting transportation facilities run down.

Wei thinks it isn't entirely fair.

"When the Japanese turned the railway over to us, they said they will run three months without replacement. We have managed to run them more than two years without major replacements. I hope new rolling stock becomes available soon because the burden on the rail system will become much heavier."

Bomb damage has been a tremendous handicap in the reconstruction job. Almost everything, this Island was a bomb target in 1944 and 1945. The Taiwan Aluminum Mill is a prime example.

Plant Bombed

The plant, comprising three aluminum units, was bombed to smithereens. It was impossible to obtain new machinery. So they cannibalized two units to get one unit operating and are now producing 4,000 tons a year.

I visited that mill and it is not much exaggeration to call that job a miracle.

The Reynolds aluminum people of the United States are seeking an arrangement whereby, under a share-the-management plan, they can take over reconstruction and, to some extent, operation. Wei thinks the project will go through and aluminum production will reach 20,000 tons annually in year or so.

"Reynolds could get machinery easier and faster than we could," commented Wei.

However, even if the Reynolds' don't go through, the Chinese will be able to increase to 8,000 tons this year.

Paper production, including a type of roofing paper, is nearing 1,000 tons monthly, or which in January 100 tons was newsprint.

Production has been absorbed on the Island, but an exportable surplus is in sight.

Inflation is not even remotely comparable to that in China Proper.

DUMB-BELLS

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YOUNG MAN,
YOU SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
HERE AT
EIGHT
O'CLOCK!
WHY,
WHAT
HAPPENED,
BOSS?



BY GUY

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Don't Let Yourself Play Mechanically

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

109762
A75
J84
A84
A5
QJ
4
K9
A4
AQ6
N
W
E
S
Dealer
1075
K32
K75
K103
3
K843
K9
AKQ6
K72
Tournament—Neither vul.
South West North East
1♦ 1♦ Puss Puss
1♦ 2♦ 4♦ Puss
Opening—♦ Q 3

PAR too many people allow themselves to become mechanical in the play of a hand. Every play and every discard should be thought out carefully. If they are, a surprising number of almost impossible tricks will be won.

In today's hand declarer has nine trumps. The odds favour that the adverse trump distribution will be 3-1 rather than 2-2. However, declarer has two losing clubs, and he must lose at least one trump. His only hope to make the contract is to find the trump honours divided evenly, and to find the ace in the East hand. Or if the ace is in the West hand he must hope that the Queen is not with it.

South wins the first trick with the king of hearts. If he leads a trump he knows that the opponents will cash two club tricks immediately. Therefore, he should employ a little strategy. He plays West for the ace of spades because of his bid, and at this point he runs off four diamond tricks, discarding a club from dummy. He does not care who trumps it, but he must bear in mind that he is playing the trumps to be divided 2-2.

If West trumps the fourth diamond trick with the five of spades, South has to assume that West is down to the blank ace. If West does not trump, and East trumps with the jack of spades, there is not much of a problem.

South goes over to the ace of hearts in dummy and leads the ten of spades. East must play the queen, which is covered with the king and West's ace wins. Thus declarer loses only two trump tricks and a club.

Check Your Knowledge

1. How many times did Mary, Queen of Scots, marry?

2. Name the first ship to use steam in crossing an ocean?

3. Who is said to have originated the gold standard?

4. Name the first woman to make an Atlantic solo flight from England to North America.

5. How far can a coiled rattlesnake strike?

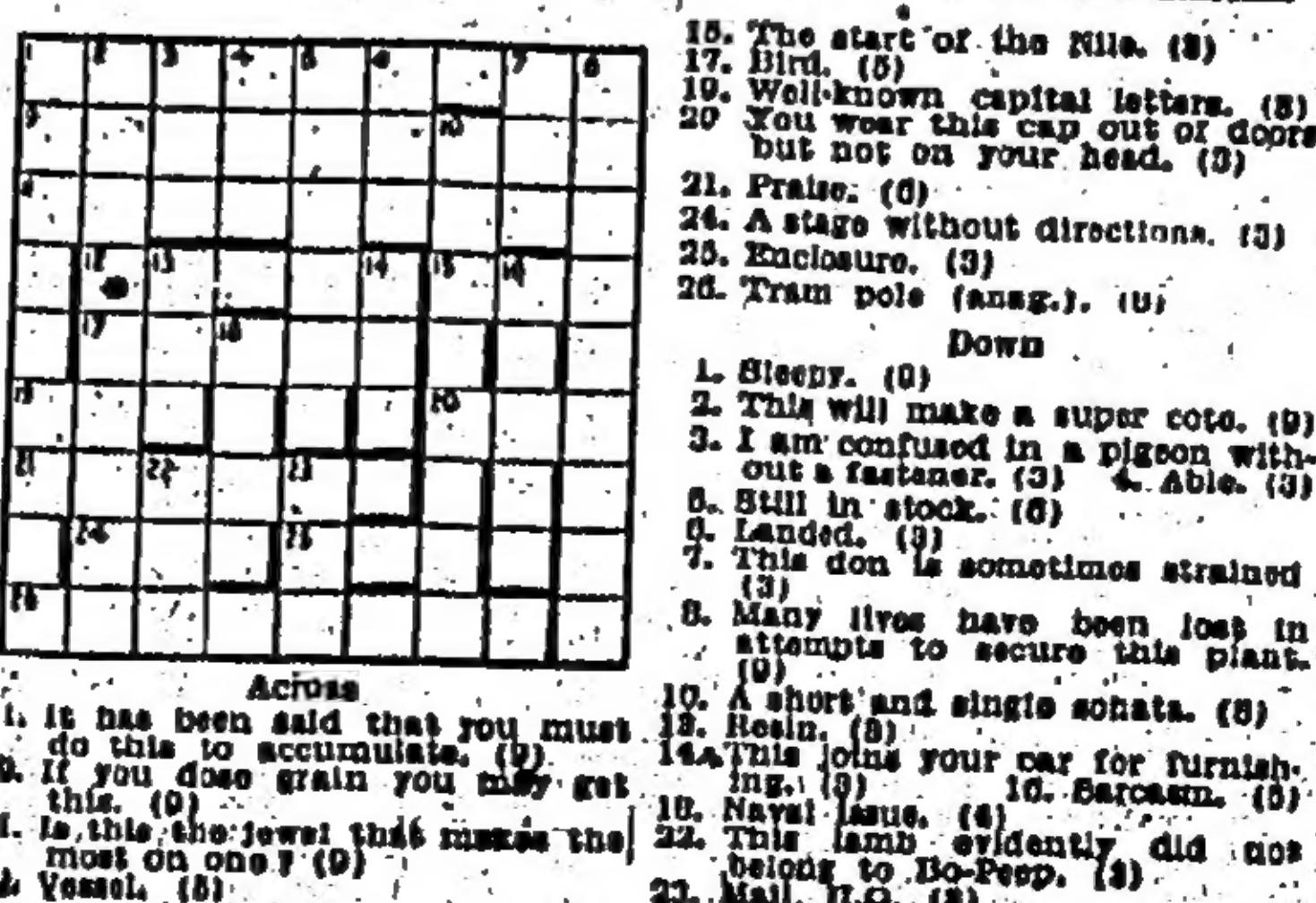
6. What feature distinguishes a walrus from a seal and a sea lion?

(Answers on Page 4)

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Rupert's Silver Trumpet—37

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

16. The start of the Nile. (8)

17. Well-known capital letters. (8)

20. You wear this cap out of doors but not on your head. (8)

21. Poles. (8)

24. A star without directions. (8)

25. Enclosure. (8)

26. Tram pole (answ.). (8)

Down

1. Sleek. (8)

2. This will make a super cote. (8)

3. I am confused in a pigeon without a fastener. (8)

4. Able. (8)

5. Banded. (8)

6. Many lives have been lost in attempts to secure this plant. (8)

7. Short and single sonata. (8)

8. This joins your car for furnish. (8)

9. Baroque. (8)

10. Name (8)

11. This lamb evidently did not belong to Bo-Peep. (8)

12. Mail. (8)

(8)

Across

1. It has been said that you must go this to accumulate. (8)

2. This grain you may get this. (8)

3. Is this the jewel that made me

4. More or less? (8)

5. This lamb evidently did not

6. Mail. (8)

7. Mail. (8)

8. Mail. (8)

9. Mail. (8)

19 Killed In Corsica Air Crash

Paris, Mar. 28.—Volunteer parties of gendarmes and experienced mountaineers set out today for the snow-covered heights of Mont Carlo, in Central Corsica, to recover the bodies of the 19 passengers and crew of the Indian National Airways Viking which crashed yesterday.

Major William Routley, the British Consul in Ajaccio, told Reuter that the continuing foggy weather over Corsica today would make rescue operations on the slippery mountain top difficult, and that the parties did not expect to return to Ajaccio until later today.

He said the bodies recovered would be taken immediately to Venaco village, three miles from the scene of the crash.

One party reached the wreck last night but was unable to get the bodies to Venaco because of lack of equipment. They camped the night in a sheltered spot near by, awaiting the arrival of heavily-equipped parties who had set out on the four-hour climb soon after dawn today.

The plane, on its way from New Delhi to London, struck the eastern slopes of Mont Carlo at 9,000 feet soon after leaving Rome yesterday. It is believed that it crashed after being buffeted by a heavy wind and striking an air pocket.

Fuselage Broke Into Two

Reports indicated the fuselage broke into two, throwing the passengers into the snow covering the peak. Bodies of the crew were found in the machine.

A Reuter dispatch today from New Delhi gave the list of passengers and crew as follows, amending the list issued earlier from Paris:

Mrs Dougall, Mr P. G. Harwood, Mr Bamji, Mr Midan, Miss Lane, Mr Krishen Prasad, Mr and Mrs Talati, Mrs Banti, Miss Budra, Mr R. Stiffle, Major, Mrs and Master Nott (passenger); Commander Ghosh, engineer B. Lall, pilot B. D. Choudhury, radio officer B. D. Patwardhan, and L. N. Gupta (crew).

It was believed in New Delhi that all the passengers were travelling free. The Indian National Airways statement issued today said the Viking was on a charter flight, bound for Britain.

The opinion was expressed in New Delhi that the Viking was going to London for a routine overhaul. Several of the passengers were believed to be connected with the Indian National Airways.—Reuter.

World's Rubber Requirements

Washington, Mar. 28.—Delegates from at least a dozen countries will meet in Washington on April 20 to study world rubber supplies and needs.

A major task will be to arrive at an accurate estimate of production of natural rubber and synthetic rubber throughout the world.

With that figure determined, the group is expected to work on these further questions:

1.—What are the probable world needs for rubber—both natural and synthetic—during the next year?

2.—How much can be made available for stockpiling to meet shortages that might result in the future?—Associated Press.

TORTOISE LAYS EASTER EGGS

London, Mar. 29.—There was a real Easter occasion at Dudley, Worcestershire, on Saturday when a giant African tortoise laid three eggs.

The tortoise, a native of tropical Africa, was brought to the Zoo with many other specimens last autumn. It weighs two hundredweight and is thought to be 200 years old.

The Zoo manager said it is a rare event for a tortoise to lay eggs in captivity. On only one occasion, at Regent's Park, has a giant African tortoise been hatched in this country. An attempt will now be made to hatch the Dudley eggs in sand.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL RINK HOCKEY

Montreux, Mar. 28.—The results of matches played in the International Rink Hockey Championships held yesterday were:

England beat Switzerland by five goals to one. Portugal beat Spain by three goals to one. France beat Holland by six goals to zero.—Reuter.

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Rangoon Police Raid Communist Party HQ

Rangoon, Mar. 28.—The Burma Communist Party has expelled its former Chairman, Thakin Thein, Burmese newspapers reported today. He was stated to have disapproved of the party's present policy.

Meanwhile, the Rangoon police raided the headquarters of the party and tried to arrest Thakin Tun, Secretary-General of the party, who, however, was still at large this evening.

The raid was part of the strong measures taken by the Government to combat alleged Communist interference with labour in Rangoon, where there is a threat of a general strike.

Patrols were active in the city throughout the day, and strike pickets outside the supply depot of the British-owned Burma Oil Company, where employees have been on strike for about three weeks, supported by workers in three other British-owned companies, were dispersed by the police.—Reuter.

KIDNAPPING OF GREEK CHILDREN

PROTEST TO LAKE SUCCESS

Athens, Mar. 28.—M. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Greek Foreign Minister, has sent telegrams to Dr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, the Greek news agency reported today.

Protesting at the kidnapping of children by "Markos guerrillas" and their transference to countries neighbouring north of Greece, the telegram said: "In the attempt to torture the Greeks and terrify other free peoples into submission, totalitarian Communism has contrived and is now carrying out a diabolical international conspiracy to kidnap tens of thousands of the children of Greece."

"Children between the ages of three and 14 are being systematically enticed or torn from their parents and transported far from their homes, their churches and their native surroundings, to be schooled in the hatred of their families, their religion and the virtues on which civilisation depends," the telegram added.

"While details of this deliberate resort to barbarism are still being investigated by the United Nations Balkans Commission, the perpetrators are boastfully broadcasting admissions of their part in this international crime."

"From Belgrade, Sofia, Bucharest, Budapest and Tirana, the controlled radios announce the arrival of the children separated from their parents in Greece," the telegram said.

Copies of the telegrams have been handed to the Ambassadors of Britain, the United States and France in Athens.

M. Tsaldaris said that on March 12, Tirana Radio announced the arrival of children between three and 14 and Belgrade Radio had said on March 14 that 400 children had arrived there, while Sofia Radio said that arrivals there were said "to be only the vanguard of 60,000 children destined for orphanages in Albania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania and some other countries."

The telegram added: "The Communists plan to terrorise the Greek people to submission. It is planned that Greek parents should prefer themselves to be enslaved in the Communist system in Greece rather than to have their children separated from them and enslaved in that system in foreign lands."

"Among the active countries participating in this international crime are adherents to the Atlantic Charter who solemnly pledged themselves to co-operate in lifting the world from fear and want, and members of the United Nations who solemnly covenanted to refrain from all manner of interference in the internal affairs of other members."

"The abduction of the Greek children is more than a violation of treaty pledges. It is a crime against humanity."

"Greece will continue the fight but she needs the active help of all civilised people in her fight against the enemies of all mankind."

The telegram said: "The Balkans Commission would soon submit a report respecting this latest challenge to the United Nations and humanity."

The matter, it was added, was of such urgency as to call for a preliminary statement by the Greek Government.—Reuter.

"Free" Radio Statement

Moscow, Mar. 28.—The "Free Greek Radio" has broadcast a statement, addressed by the "Provisional Government of Free Greece" to the International Red Cross, accusing the "Greek Royalist Army" of atrocities and the murder of women and children. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported from Belgrade today.

The statement compared "the very humane treatment accorded to the monarcho-Fascists by the Greek forces with the ruthless extermination of captured democrats by monarcho-Fascists with the help of American officers, who have recently begun to take an active part in murdering war prisoners."

The statement declared: "The Free Greek Government resolutely protests against the attitude of the Red Cross, which, this day, passes in silence the monarcho-Fascists' atrocities."—Reuter.

KING PAUL'S THANKS

Athens, Mar. 28.—King Paul of the Hellenes today sent a message to President Truman thanking him for his good wishes on the national fete on Thursday in Greece to commemorate the 1821 war of independence.

King Paul said: "Your message constitutes a great encouragement to the Greek people in their unshakable decision to fight at all costs to conserve their independence and free democratic institutions. They are convinced that their battle is the same for all civilised nations against enslavement and totalitarianism."—Reuter.

DOLLAR CRISIS IN LEBANON

Beirut, Mar. 28.—A Ministerial crisis appears to be brewing in the Lebanon as a result of the recent extension for three months of the Syro-Lebanese Common Interests Convention of 1944, which ends on March 31.

The Prime Ministers of both Syria and Lebanon took advantage of the Arab League Political Committee meetings in Beirut to agree to postpone the separation of the currency of their respective countries pending discussions to reach a compromise solution.

The Syrians are making Lebanon's separation from the franc bloc a primary condition for a review and settlement, on a new basis, of the present joint financial and economic policy.

The Lebanese Parliamentary majority, on the other hand, favours honouring the agreement initialised with France, insisting that it is vital to the country's economic stability that it be ratified without delay.

Premier Accused

This bloc of supporters of the Franco-Lebanese monetary agreement accuses the Lebanese Prime Minister, Riad Bey El Solh, of canvassing for its rejection and of attempting to delay as long as possible the debate in the Chamber of Deputies.

They coupled this accusation with repeated public and private statements made by him, expressing his intention of resigning for "health reasons."

Neutral observers here generally believe that the resignation of Riad Bey El Solh at this stage of the "dollar crisis" in the sterling area would precipitate the conclusion of the Franco-Lebanese Convention by a successor Ministry, unless that resignation was followed by a dissolution by the President of the Republic of the Chamber of Deputies.

Last Ties

The latter step, they forecast, would pave the way for the Opposition to coalesce and gain a majority in the subsequent election.

A refusal to ratify the agreement, they point out, means the severing of literally the last ties between France and the Lebanon.

The Young China and Democratic Socialist parties, accepting the Generalissimo's "personal guarantee of future co-operation" as a substitute for part of the Assembly seats promised them by the Kuomintang, commenced registration of their delegates shortly before midnight.

The officially announced Assembly activities open with a visit of the delegates to the grave of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, followed by inaugural ceremonies shortly before noon.

With only 1,125 delegates registered, it is expected it will be necessary to call a recess for several days to obtain the necessary quorum of 2,030 for election of President and Vice-President.

Spokesmen for the "Independent" candidates said Catholic Bishop Paul Yu-pin had appealed to them to abandon their hunger and sit-down strike as well as violent demonstrations, and settle their claims by negotiation.

Earlier, the Kuomintang's Minister of Organisation, Chen Li-fu, failed to persuade the strikers to leave the auditorium or to accept rich food brought to them.

Gendarmes using army mine detectors gave the National Assembly auditorium a thorough screening last night in search of hidden bombs. This action was one of the special precautions taken to protect Generalissimo Chiang as well as to prevent any Communist interference with the election of President and Vice-President.—Associated Press.

Geographical Idea

The idea was neither racial nor religious, but a geographical idea which had a powerful influence on future policy, he said.

He thought Pakistan would certainly come into the picture from the economic and defence point of view, though he was not certain how the Middle East would be affected.

Although he did not think there would be war in the near future, India should not afford to ignore the fact that the world was at present "traversing a dangerous path which may lead to serious upheavals."

A continuation of the present "war of nerves" was sure to do great harm to the country's commerce and industry.

Speaking of capital goods, Pandit Nehru said if India could not get them from the United States, she would try to get them from wherever she could.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Three. 2. The "Savannah". 3. The Roman emperor Augustus. 4. Berylo Markham. 5. Two-thirds of its length. 6. Its big tasks.



"Awfully sorry we couldn't dig up something more comfortable for you, Tom."

'FLYING TIGER' TESTIFIES



Gen. Claire Chennault, famed wartime commander of American air forces in China, and his Chinese wife snapped in Washington, where the General recently gave testimony on aid for China before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. (AP Wirephoto)

PEACEFUL POLLING IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, Mar. 28.—Bucharest was calm today as Rumanians formed long queues at polling stations to poll for the first time under a Republic to elect a new Constituent Assembly.

The Rumanian news agency reported that in every polling station, a committee of two representatives of each political party participating in the elections and presided over by a magistrate, ensured "full application of the democratic principles of the electoral law".

A single list of candidates was put forward by the Popular Democratic Front formed of the four Government parties—the United Workers, the Labourers' Front, the National Popular Party and the Hungarian Popular Union—and headed by Dr. Petre Groza, the Rumanian Prime Minister.

Foreign correspondents throughout the country were given permission to watch the voting, in which more than 5,000,000 people over the age of 18 took part.

It was the largest vote ever recorded. Official results are expected tomorrow evening.

The Liberals, led by M. Petru Bejan, filed 22 lists of candidates in about half the constituencies, and the Democratic Peasant Party, headed by Dr. Nicholae Lupu, put forward six lists.

In the present Government, the Popular Democratic Front has 247 seats out of 414, while the National Popular Front, 29; the National Peasant Party has 33, the Hungarian-Liberals three and the Democratic Peasant Party two.—Reuter.

Soviet Official "Freed" Of Duties

Moscow, Mar. 29.—Deputy Sturun, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of Georgian Socialist Soviet Republic, has been "freed" from his duties, Pravda reported on Sunday.

Pravda added that Deputy Gogua had been elected to this post.—Associated Press.

EASTER VIOLENCE IN PALESTINE

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ABDUCTED WOMAN SLAIN

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.—A young Jewish matron who was abducted from a Jerusalem case on Saturday by Jewish terrorists was found shot dead on waste ground near Wallach Hospital in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The Jewish press reported the woman, Mrs Ver Ducas, 35 and her 11-year-old son were taken from a cafe by Stern group members.

The son later was released. An anonymous telephone call directed the police to the body.—Associated Press.

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